

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Charles Appleby, Sr. on September 10, 2015 at 9:05 a.m. in Room 117 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited /General Contractor
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyperson
John R. Damico	Unlimited Journeyperson
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member

Members Absent:

Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyperson
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

Board Vacancies:

One Public Member

DCP Board Staff:

Karen Layman, Secretary

Others Present:

Gina Knox, Dept. of Labor
William Lussier

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director at (860) 713-6135 or Fax: (860) 706-1255.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 9, 2015 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve as written.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 13, 2015 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting and voted to approve as written. Board Member Frank DaCato abstained from voting.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPLICATIONS:

Gilber Serrano, Peekskill, NY – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Serrano's (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson application due to lack of apprenticeship, on the job training, and related instruction.

Jake Viscount, Milford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Viscount's (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson application due to lack of proof of required on the job training.

APPLICATION ADDED TO AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE:

Bradley Teal, Carmel, NY – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Teal's (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson application due to lack of apprenticeship, on the job training, and related instruction.

APPLICATION FOR RECONSIDERATION ADDED TO AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE:

Michael Harrington, Pawcatuck, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved with category change

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Harrington's (P-1) Unlimited Contractor application due to lack of (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson license for the required two year period at the July 9, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Harrington submitted documentation and changed the category of license sought from (P-1 to (P-2). After review of the documentation and discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Harrington for the (P-2) examination.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Residential sprinkler system licensing requirement

- Letter dated June 1, 2015, addressed to John Tye, Office of the State Building Inspector, inquiring about Uponor systems, or the equivalent of, being approved for installation in the State of Connecticut.

The Board noted that there has been no response from the Office of the State Building Inspector at this time.

2. Legislative Working Group Meeting 9-23-15

There will be an Occupational Legislative Working Group Meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 for board members for the purpose of a general discussion on the implementation of certain changes that may be needed regarding occupational licensure laws within Chapter 393 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The meeting will take place at the State Office Building located at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06106 in Room 126 at 9:00 a.m.

3. Continuing education curriculum

William Lussier, CODE, distributed an updated draft 2016-2017 curriculum dated September 2, 2015 to Board Members. A brief discussion was held and a number of minor corrections were made. The Board voted unanimously to accept this document with the changes as discussed today. Mr. Lussier will make the changes as discussed and distribute the final version to Board Members.

4. Credential count – 2007 vs. 2015

The Board shared their concerns over what may be a decreasing number of licensees for the plumbing trade in Connecticut at the August 13, 2015 meeting and requested that they receive additional information so that they can compare the number of licensees from previous years to the current year.

Director Richard Hurlburt provided a report including the number of licensees in 2007 and 2015 for each plumbing license category. The Board reviewed the report and a brief discussion took place.

5. PSI Examination

At the May 14, 2015 meeting, after a lengthy discussion on the amount of questions contained in the current PSI examination for each subject area, the Board voted unanimously to propose to increase the number of questions on each test by ten questions, five blueprint reading questions and five trade math questions.

At today's meeting, Board Member Frank DaCato requested that the Department follow up on the status of this request. Mr. DaCato also requested that, if this has not been done, the Board be informed of the date in which it will be done.

Director Richard M. Hurlburt was not in attendance at today's meeting to address this matter.

6. Request from Trade Practices regarding submission to Legislature

Board Member Melissa Sheffy noted that Mr. Maloney had stated at a previous Plumbing Board meeting that he had submitted a report which was due to the State Legislature as of January 15, 2015. There was a supplemental request by the Legislature and that request was also completed and sent in March.

Ms. Sheffy requested that Trade Practices provide a copy of such report that was submitted, whom it was submitted to, and the date it was submitted.

Substitute Senate Bill No. 412

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING STATUTES. "

(b) Not later than January 15, 2015, and annually thereafter, the commissioner, in accordance with section 11-4a, shall report the following to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection and occupational licensing: (1) The total number of complaints received by the department in the previous calendar year concerning the work and practice of persons licensed, registered or certified by the boards or commissions specified in subdivisions (1) and (3) of section 21a-6, (2) the nature of each complaint, (3) the department's resolution of each complaint, including, if applicable, whether the complaint (A) was dismissed because the allegation, if substantiated, would not constitute a violation of any statute or regulation, (B) was investigated, (C) was dismissed, following an investigation, for lack of probable cause, (D) was resolved by a settlement, and whether a penalty was imposed pursuant to such settlement, or (E) was brought for formal hearing, and whether a violation was found and a penalty imposed.

7. Well Drilling and Geothermal Systems Regulations

The Board reviewed two copies of well drilling and geothermal systems regulations, one marked up version and one clean copy, at the August 13, 2015 meeting.

At today's meeting, Chairperson Appleby requested that the Department provide an update as to the status of these regulations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request for appearance by Commissioner Harris

Following a discussion surrounding the Board's concerns about the enforcement of trade licensing in Connecticut, the Board voted unanimously invite Commissioner Harris to attend the October 8, 2015 meeting for discussion on enforcement if he is available.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Continuing Education Evaluation Forms

The Board reviewed the evaluation forms that have been received this month and requested that a standard evaluation form be placed on the DCP website for use by all schools.

DCP TRADE PRACTICES DIVISION:

1. The Board will review the current complaint report submitted by the DCP Trade Practices Division including open, closed, and dismissed cases.

The Board noted that a complaint report for the current month including open, closed, and dismissed cases was not submitted by Trade Practices Division, as requested.

Note: Subsequent to the meeting, Director Richard Maloney sent two complaint reports electronically to Board Members entitled, "August closed complaints" and "Current open complaint report." Paper copies of these two reports will be available at the next meeting.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2015 Meeting Schedule

- **October 8, 2015**
- **November 12, 2015**
- **December 10, 2015**

Meetings will take place at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut